

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-39. (Previously Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) A method for using a multi-function key in a watch-type portable phone, the watch-type portable phone having a multi-function key with a protrusion adapted to slide in a first direction and a second direction substantially opposite to the first direction, and be pressed in a third direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction, a display for displaying at least one of digits and characters, and at least one hierarchal menu for selecting various functions, comprising the steps of:

generating at least one input signal by performing at least one of the following multi-function key manipulations:

a) pressing the protrusion of the multi-function key at least once to generate a first input signal;

b) sliding the protrusion of the multi-function key in the first direction to generate a second input signal; and

c) sliding the protrusion of the multi-function key in the second direction to generate a third input signal,

wherein the at least one of digits and characters are input by displaying sets of the at least one of digits and characters, moving a cursor by generating at least one of the second and third input signals over at least one of a character and a digit displayed in the sets of the at least one of digits and characters, and selecting by generating the first input signal the at least one of the character and the digit below the cursor, ~~using the at least one signal of the multi-function key.~~

41. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 40, wherein each manipulation generates one of a first sub-input signal and a second sub-input signal, said first sub-input signal is generated ~~a first inputting is performed~~ if the manipulation is performed for a short duration, and said second sub-input signal is generated ~~a second inputting is performed~~ if the manipulation is performed for a long duration.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 40, wherein the at least one input signal is further used to navigate through the at least one hierarchal menu.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 40, wherein the at least one input signal is further used to select a function.